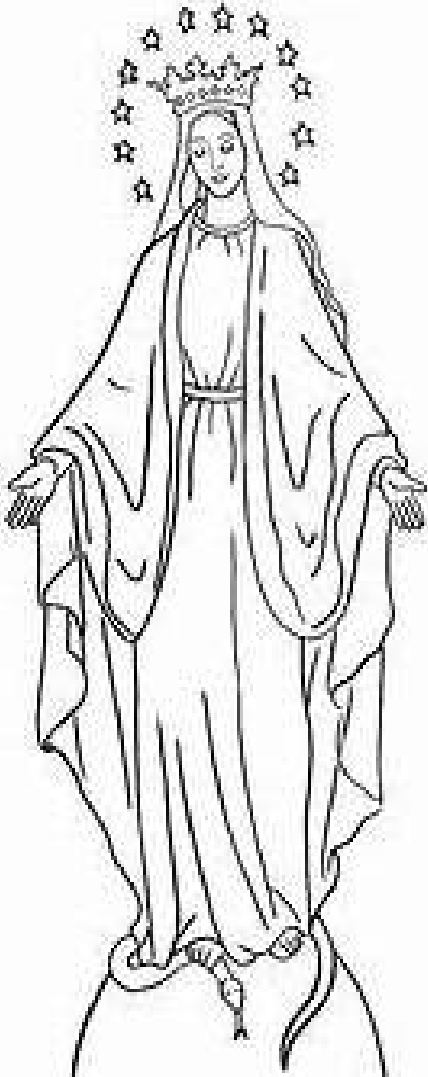


**Our Lady of Mercy**  
*Pray for Us*



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Honey Harbour: Mark Vessair

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**OUR PARISH BULLETIN**



**Our Lady of Mercy Church  
Honey Harbour**



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**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday 5 P.M. (May 1 to Oct 31 only) -Port Severn  
Sunday 9 A.M. (all year) - Port Severn  
Sunday 11 A.M. (all year) - Honey Harbour**

**Weekday Masses  
(See inside bulletin)**

**Confession: 20 minutes before weekend Masses  
Wedding and Baptism: Call the office**

## THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

December 15, 2019

### Gospel Today: Matthew 11:2-11

Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.



### Weekday Masses

Wed-Dec 18, 9am Mass

Thurs-Dec 19, 9am Mass for peace in the world

Fri-Dec 20, 9am Mass for the souls of Pete, Ed, Don, Ted, Lucy by Frances Scott

### Weekend Masses

( 4th Sunday of Advent )

Sunday Nov 22, 9am @ Port Severn- for the people of the parish

11am @ Honey Harbour



***Last Week Sunday Offerings: \$950-*** Thank you for your generous support.

### Pray for Sick Members of our Parish Community:

Maryrose Vessair, Clifford Legault, Gloria & Louis Cousineau, Edmond Corbier, Theresa Phillips, Ernie Corbier, Derek Wiese (*Call the office if you would like someone placed on the prayer list*).

### Christmas Masses Schedule:

Dec 24(Tuesday) 6PM @ Honey Harbour/ 8PM

@ Port Severn

Dec 25(Wednesday) 11AM @ Honey Harbour

### New Year (2020) Masses Schedule:

Jan 1(Wednesday) 9AM @ Port Severn / 11AM

@ Honey Harbour

**"I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist"**



**Gaudate Sunday** – Today, the third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudate derived from Latin word which means to rejoice or be glad. The liturgy today begins with the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near". Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in remembering the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. There is joy in knowing that he was born to save people from their sins. The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness and a place in the Father's house to dwell with God and his angels and saints for all eternity.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church** (Teachings on the End Times CCC# 673) "Since the Ascension, Christ's coming in glory has been imminent, even though "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority". This eschatological coming could be accomplished at any moment, even if both it and the final trial that will precede it are 'delayed'".

### **Dec 13, 2019 Marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to**

**Priesthood of Pope Francis** - The Bishops of Canada, writes to him, "Holy Father, we humbly offer our heartfelt thanks for your fifty years of faithful service to the Lord and to his Mystical Body as a priest, and fervently pray that the bountiful grace of Christ, the eternal high priest, may continue to guide, console and strengthen you in your petrine ministry to the Universal Church"

**Pope Francis** – "The time before Christmas calls us to ask ourselves: What is the great desire of my heart? It is God Himself who puts this "thirst" in our hearts. And He comes to meet us by this route, wherever there is hunger and thirst for peace, hunger and thirst for justice, freedom and love." "Let us ask the Lord, in this time of Advent, to revive in us faith in Christ who comes to save us, to help us be always faithful to our vocation as missionary disciples."



**Keep Christ in Christmas. He is the reason for the season.** "God, our Father you so loved humankind that you sent us your only Son Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, to save us and lead us back to you. We pray that, with your blessing, this image of Jesus, soon to come among us, may be a sign of your presence and love in our homes, to our families and to our friends."